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1. The Fireproof Products Company (Zarowskie Zaklady Wytrobow Ogniotrwalych) in Zarow 5057N-1630E produced refractory bricks and various refractory forms, some of which were up to six meters long. Special clay for the use of the factory was supplied by the open clay pits of Jaroszw, some 15 km. northwest of Zarow. The coal needed by the factory was brought from the coal mines in Upper Silesia (Gorny Slask). Most of the machinery was old and of German make, but some new machines had been imported from Czechoslovakia.
2. The factory employed 1,500 to 2,000 men and women. It operated in three eight-hour shifts. (Zarow's population was about 8,000.) In 1949 the workers' wages were low, equivalent to 400 to 600 new zloty per month. Workers were paid time-and-a-half for overtime and double wages for work on Sundays or holidays. This provision, however, was not strictly observed by the factory. Workers were usually cheated out of their extra pay.
3. Annex A shows the plan of the Fireproof Products Company.
4. The sketch also shows the location of the Silesia State Chemical Works, which was fenced-in and guarded by factory guards and security forces. the Silesia Works produced benzol, dyes, acids, paints, rubber, and certain other chemicals. It employed 1,200 to 1,500 workers, who lived in an old castle on the edge of town, west of the factory.
5. also indicated the area where the largest chemical laboratory in Poland was being constructed in 1951.

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Annex A: Refractory Products Factory of Zarow

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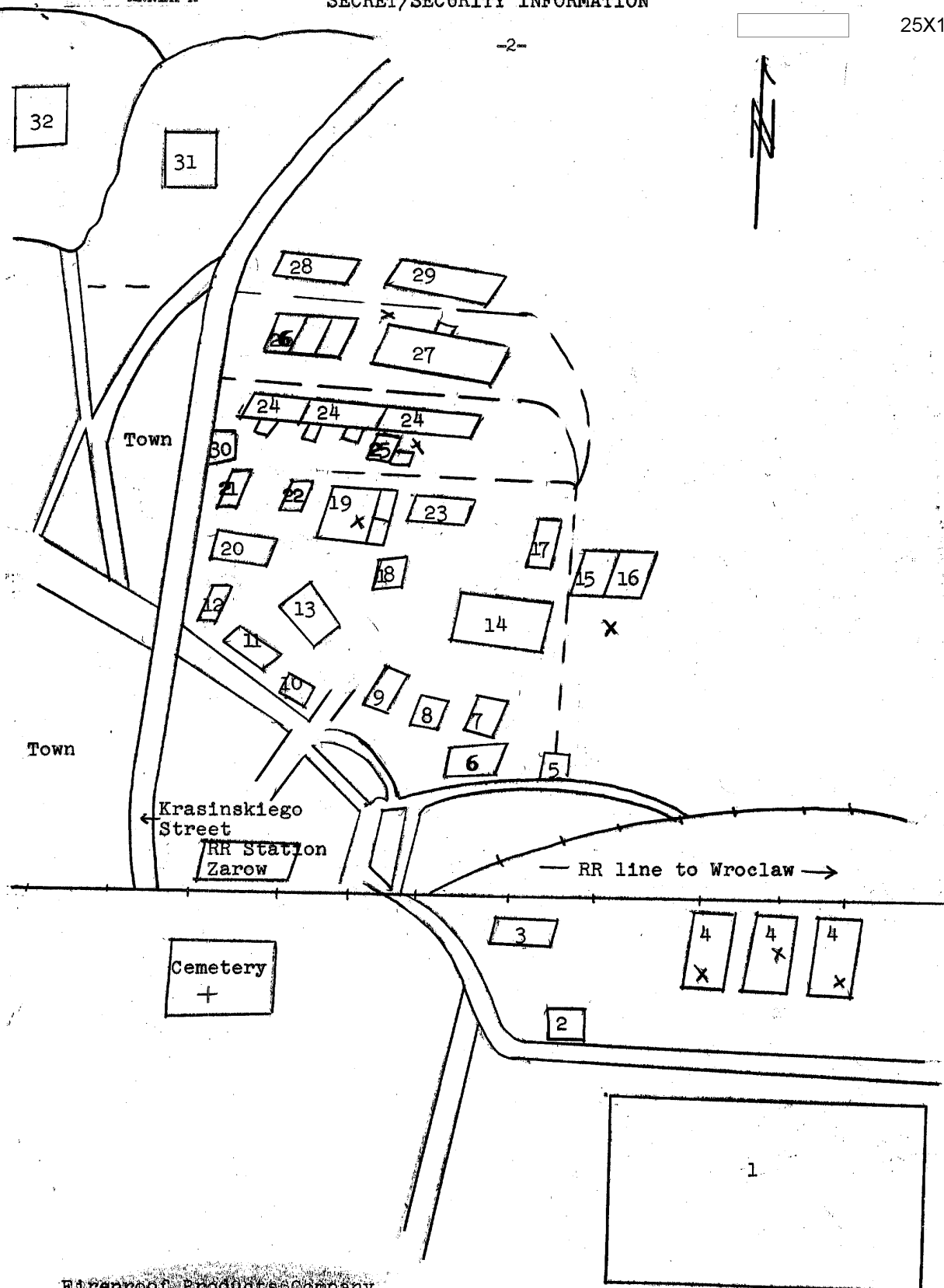
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Fireproof Products Company  
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Legend to Annex A

1. Open pit kaolin mine
2. Factory guard house
3. Storehouse for refractory bricks and forms
4. Brick workshop ("x" designates factory chimneys)
5. Factory entrance and guard house
6. Storehouse for machine parts
7. Storehouse for electrical and machine parts
8. Storehouse for gasoline and oil
9. Garage and fire department
10. Villa for technicians and engineers. (The finance office was also in this villa.)
11. Factory's administration building
12. Workers' living quarters
13. Garage and fire department
14. Mechanical workshop
15. Electrical workshop and electric power distributor where 10,000 v. current was conducted from "Elektrownia Viktoria" in Walbrzych /5046N-1617E/ to four transformers which transformed it to 2,000 v., 380 v., and 220 v. for the needs of the factory.
16. A section called "Sileksal" in which the dry mixture was produced
17. Electric truck garage, accumulators, repair shop
18. Factory's water reservoir
19. Department "X" (odzial "X"); one part of it served as an automobile garage and the other part served as an engine room. On the ground floor were located periodic ovens for brick baking. There were three ovens, one 80 tn., one 100 tn., and one 150 tn. capacity.
20. Factory laboratory
21. Old laboratory building (not in use)
22. Factory Council's meeting hall (Rada Zakladowa)
23. Joiners workshop for making forms and moulds
24. A large department in three sections. The first section was on the ground floor. In it were located gas ovens for baking. The second section contained machines for mixing the materials for bricks; and in the third section were located Mantheim ovens as well as a gas generator which supplied the ovens with gas. On the first floor were located planning offices of the factory.
25. Old building for mixing mud mass; machines for making refractory forms were also located here.
26. A building in which clay mass was dried and transported by an elevator to the baking section.
27. The second department (drugi odzial) contained a generator for gas ovens, also a room for drying bricks.
28. Storehouse for clay
29. Storehouse for clay
30. Main factory entrance and large guard house
31. Silesia Chemical Plant (Panstwowe Zaklady Chemiczne -- Silesia) fenced in and well guarded restricted area.
32. General area in which the largest chemical laboratory in Poland was being built.

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